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106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4149

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve coverage of drugs and biologicals under part B of the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2000

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. SHAW, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. BRYANT, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, and Mr. TOWNS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Medicare Drug Cov-
5 erage Preservation Act of 2000".

1 **SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF COVERAGE OF DRUGS AND**
2 **BIOLOGICALS UNDER PART B OF THE MEDI-**
3 **CARE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended, in each
6 of subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking “(including
7 drugs and biologicals which cannot, as determined in ac-
8 cordance with regulations, be self-administered)” and in-
9 serting “(including drugs and biologicals which are not
10 usually self-administered by the patient)”.

11 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
12 subsection (a) applies to drugs and biologicals adminis-
13 tered on or after October 1, 2000.

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